

Minutes Steering Committee 26 May 2015 (actions/discussion in **blue**)

**Attending:**

**CKTuggle, EGiuffra, AArchibald, DBurt, GPIastow, HCheng, JReecy, SWhite, LHuang, Mbailey, JSilverstein, JMacLeod**

**Minutes of 6 May 2015 meeting**  
**- approved**

**Announcements**

**Reports from Standing Committee Chairs (official names approved- as website)**

- Animals/Samples/Assays
  - *they have had 2 calls and discussion on plans. The description is being approved; protocols are to be approved as well. RNAseq- Huaijun is working on this (improve?)*
- Metadata and Data Sharing- no report (members present thought that the data-sharing text was discussed and agreed upon there.)
- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis
  - *Had two meetings*
  - *1<sup>st</sup>: identified 4-5 sub-groups for different areas of analysis*
  - *2<sup>nd</sup>: people volunteered for these groups; a call went out for people to join these groups.*
  - *Reecy asked about how to define the reference Genome that all sequences would be mapped to; could ISAG be an arbiter of these since there is a history of ISAG creating agreed-upon panels for typing? Alan indicated a concern that we avoid any top-down control. Should be discussed at PAG? What about the October Workshop?*
- Communication
  - *one call since last Steering Committee*
  - *See updates to website there (and in old business discussions below)*
  - *Proposals to USDA and NSF being written*
  - *Completed speaker roster.*

**Old Business**

1. Monthly newsletters?

*Any volunteers to provide content will be welcome.*

2. Coordination of joint efforts in funding. What is possible with respect to helping groups prepare joint projects or know what is being done or proposed? (Kijas, Burt)  
*This was sent to the Communication Committee to develop a listing of proposals funded. This has not started. \*\*This Communication task should also go to*

*Samples/Assays committee on this listing as it makes sense to list the experimental design and samples to be collected in these projects.*

*(not started as of May 22... volunteers?)*

**- Sustainability could be a discussion point in the October Workshop. What is the funding model? How can FAANG add value to efforts? Planning is needed.**

**\*Chris indicated that a major component of the October meeting is to include funding agencies and get their input and help in developing funding opportunities.**

**- Graham will be discussing with Alan/Huaijun.**

3. Data policy text- from Laura 20May- attached for discussion.

**- approved**

4. Fall 2015 Workshop- update

*- status of funding applications*

*- status of speaker invitations, other planning*

*- policy discussion on application to attend*

*- Proposal to Steering Committee: A plan to organize pre-meeting nuts and bolts session for Wednesday afternoon should be developed, to craft a “one-voice” approach to priorities, discussion points relevant to their committee purview.*

*- Animal Genetics asked Chris to submit a meeting paper/position statement on the outcome of GO-FAANG. This is a great opportunity to ensure momentum after GO-FAANG, and to gain wider recognition of FAANG. This should be a good incentive for people to help document outcomes of the discussions*

## **New business**

5. Moderating email submissions to FAANG lists- Laura

**- moderators will be added around the globe so that response time is minimized- Chris and Laura are moderators at this point. Chris will request a moderator from Australasia region.**

6. Recommendation from Communications Committee for Data sharing links

*ComCom recommends to the Steering Committee that there should be a one-sentence description and a link to the Data sharing policy page at the following places where the Toronto/Ft. Lauderdale data sharing concepts are indicated:*

*- on the “Project Description” page*

*- on each Committee Webpage*

*- at the signup page – button where joining party has to agree to the Toronto/Ft. Lauderdale principles.*

**- This was agreed upon; has been implemented on the website.**

*Pre-existing FAANG members will be informed by email of this update, and asked to notify if they have any problem with the approved Data Sharing principles*

**- This is in progress.**

7. Text drafted for Steering Committee Purpose- see attached

**- no concerns- will discuss/finalize at next meeting**

8. Sign up sheet for member to self-elect memberships?

- defer to **Communications committee for website changes**

9. Use of BioSample? Direction for Samples Committee

-**EG indicated that the simple Excel sheet is unsustainable in the long-run. They are working on a replacement for this, and Biosample could be an option.**

- **Mick asked about a list of papers that would be a set of targets on which we can all agree.**

### **Reminders**

Future Steering Committee calls schedule:

**Gwenola asked that the third Tuesday of the month be avoided as that is Intl Goat committee date.**